

Thomas Jones

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Dear Thomas Jones' Families,

Harvest and a Sublime Staging

The many successes of the last few weeks include yesterday's Harvest Festival and Year 2's sublimely entertaining staging of *The Enormous Turnip*. Clad as representations of farmers, animals and Mother Nature at her finest, the class performed four songs, each telling a part of the above story. I'd like to thank all families, across the school who have made such generous donations. This afternoon, School Councillors and Polly Duarte collected all the many bags of treats and boxes of food, and, as is our tradition, transported everything to the residents of Thomas Darby Court.

Impressive Attendance

All pupils arrived promptly this morning, their notion of tardiness by now acute, with an eager and overtly cheerful demeanour. Attendance in recent weeks is an astonishing 98%.

Great Expectations and More

Since returning in September, the Year 6 scholars have been enthralled by Dickens' *Oliver Twist*, Oscar Wilde's *The Selfish Giant*, Blake's *The Tyger* and today John Keats 1820 sonnet, *Ode to Autumn*. We have great expectations of them.

Bookworms

'Learning starts with reading'

All Saints Catholic College had a study day today. This afforded the opportunity for former pupils Erin Elsayed and Gabby Gellatly to visit. Whilst scholars at Thomas Jones, both of the aforementioned children excelled. It is their shared view that, in no small part, this reflects the fact that both are veritable 'book worms'. Musing on the recent past, Erin commented 'The stronger I became as a reader, it transformed my capacity to think and write'. Gabby implored pupils to commit, in real terms. 'Learning starts with reading' she boldly effused. Please ensure that time is put aside to read with your child. Older pupils will benefit from absorbing extracts of a broadsheet such as the *Guardian* or *Observer*. In regard to younger pupils, visits to the library or if fortunate, local bookshops can reap rewards.

Warmest Wishes,



David Sellens